

REMARKS

Claims 18-51 are pending. The Restriction Requirement indicates that Claims 18-46 are pending. However, prior to the filing of this paper, Claims 47 and 48 were in the case. Claims 49-51 are newly-added.

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 9, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 18-24, drawn to an ISO comprising an octomeric CG motif.

Applicants note that Claims 25-27 depend directly from Claim 18. Therefore, those claims are properly part of Group I and should be rejoined with the elected subject matter. At a minimum, upon the allowance of Claim 18, Claims 25-27 should be rejoined under the provisions of MPEP §821.04.

In addition, Claims 49-51 have been added to the application. These are method claims which depend directly or indirectly from Claim 18. Accordingly, those claims should also be rejoined under the provisions of MPEP §821.04 upon the allowance of Claim 18.

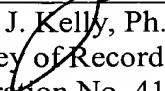
Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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